

CHAPTER 39-10.1 BICYCLES

39-10.1-01. Effect of chapter - Penalty for violation.

1. It is unlawful for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required in this chapter. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter may be assessed a fee not to exceed five dollars.
2. The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward may not authorize or knowingly permit any such child or ward to violate any of the provisions of this chapter.
3. These provisions applicable to bicycles apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any highway or upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles subject to those exceptions stated herein.

39-10.1-02. Traffic laws apply to persons riding bicycles.

Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway is granted all of the rights and is subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this title, except as to special regulations in this title and except as to those provisions of this title which by their nature can have no application.

39-10.1-03. Riding on bicycle.

1. A person propelling a bicycle may not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.
2. No bicycle may be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

39-10.1-04. Clinging to vehicle.

No person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled, or toy vehicle may attach the same or the person's self to any vehicle upon a roadway, except a sled being pulled by a snowmobile.

39-10.1-05. Riding on roadway and bicycle path.

1. An individual operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.
2. A group of individuals riding bicycles upon a roadway may not ride more than two abreast, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

39-10.1-06. Carrying article.

No person operating a bicycle may carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars.

39-10.1-07. Lamps and other equipment on bicycles.

1. Every bicycle when in use at nighttime must be equipped with a lamp on the front which emits a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet [152.4 meters] to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the department. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet [152.4 meters] to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.
2. Every bicycle must be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

39-10.1-07.1. Motorized bicycle - Age of operator.

Repealed by S.L. 1983, ch. 414, § 6.

39-10.1-08. Point system not applicable.

Any violation of this chapter, or any moving violation as defined in section 39-06.1-09, or any nonmoving violation as defined in section 39-06.1-08 when committed on a bicycle as defined in section 39-01-01, is not cause for the licensing authority to assess points against the driving record of the violator pursuant to section 39-06.1-10. Any other legally authorized penalty for a criminal traffic offense or noncriminal traffic violation is applicable to bicyclists.